

Silent Killer

Plastic Waste

Marine debris is a worldwide problem with millions of tons of plastic entering the ocean every year. Plastic kills wildlife such as seabirds and turtles, and it breaks up into smaller and smaller pieces, called microplastics, until it is small enough to enter the food chain. Many organisations around the world are tackling this problem using various methods such as automatic rubbish collection devices. In Australia the Tangaroa Blue Foundation supports community volunteers to collect rubbish from local beaches and also to categorise it and enter the results into a national database. This helps to identify prominent sources of marine debris in different areas. How could you use this information to stop plastics entering the ocean? What are some other ways of reducing plastic waste?

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